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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed **December 27, 2007** (hereinafter "Final Action"), and further to the Notice of Appeal filed **June 27, 2008**, no claims have been amended or cancelled. Dependent claims 64-102 have been newly added. Therefore, claims 47, 52, and 63-102 are pending. Support for the instant amendments is provided throughout the as-filed Specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 47, 52, and 63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,227,874 to Von Kohorn in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,734,823 to Saigh *et al.* ("Saigh") [Final Action, pg. 3, ¶13]. Claims 47, 52, and 63 further stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of Von Kohorn and Saigh, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,411,943 to Crawford (hereinafter "Crawford '943") or U.S. Patent No. 7,080,051 to Crawford (hereinafter "Crawford '051") [Final Action, pg. 8, ¶14].

Applicants traverse this rejection and maintain the arguments previously presented in the Response filed on October 31, 2007, which are also applicable to independent claim 63 since independent claim 63 recites the same feature as independent claims 47 and 52 as

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discussed in the 10/31/07 Response. Applicants explicitly reserve the right to distinguish additional claim recitations over the relied-upon references.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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